

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 591

Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland

February 18, 2003

An act relating to school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 591, as introduced, Strickland. High school graduation requirements: career technical education.

Existing law requires school districts to adopt a course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that includes career technical education.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene a committee for the purpose of identifying career technical education courses that satisfy the requirements of other courses of study, and examining the feasibility of accepting credit earned for the completion of career technical education courses in lieu of other courses of study.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that
2 career technical education courses may offer instruction that
3 would satisfy the requirements of other required courses of study,
4 including science and mathematics. A review of career technical
5 education, as aligned with state standards, will help districts
6 identify career technical coursework that satisfies those other
7 areas.

1 (b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall convene a
2 committee for the purpose of identifying career technical
3 education courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements
4 and admissions requirements of the University of California and
5 the California State University. The committee shall determine
6 school districts' acceptance of credit earned for the completion of
7 career technical education courses in lieu of other courses of study.
8 The committee membership shall consist of local educators,
9 university admissions personnel, and members of the business
10 community. The committee shall report the results of the study
11 including its recommendations to the Legislature by November 1,
12 2004.

